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SUBJECT: KHIEU SAMPHAN VISIT TO PRC

SUMMARY: THE CAMBODIAN DELEGATION LED BY KHIEU SAMPHAN AND IENG SARY ARRIVED PEKING ON AUGUST 15, RECEIVING THE STANDARD CHINESE HEAD OF STATE TREATMENT. PENN NOUTH LED THE PEKING-BASED SIHANOUK FACTION WHILE SIHANOUK HIMSELF APPARENTLY REMAINS IN NORTH KOREA. IN THE BANQUET SPEECHES THAT EVENING, KHIEU EMPHASIZED CAMBODIAN EFFORTS AT RECONSTRUCTION, CLOSE RELATIONS WITH CHINA, AND CHINESE SUPPORT. TENG PRAISED THE CAMBODIAN REVOLUTION, THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND WARNED OF SOVIET EFFORTS TO EXTEND ITS TENACLES TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. BOTH SIDES TALKED UP CAMBODIAN NON-ALIGNMENT AND MENTIONED TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IN CONTEXTS WHICH APPEARED TO BE CODED

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REFERENCES TO CAMBODIAN EFFORTS TO PROTECT ITS

DISPUTED TERRITORY WITH VIETNAM. SIHANOUK RECEIVED ONLY  
CURSORY MENTION IN THE SPEECHES. END SUMMARY.

1. SINO-CAMBODIAN RELATIONS. KHIEU SAMPHAN UNDERLINED THE  
IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHED TO TIES WITH CHINA BY NOTING THAT  
THIS WAS THE CAMBODIAN LEADERS' FIRST TRIP ABROAD SINCE  
TAKING POWER AND ENTHUSED OVER THE "MILITANT UNITY AND FRATERNAL  
FRIENDSHIP" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. CALLING CHINA THE  
"RELIABLE AND STRONG REAR AREA" DURING THE STRUGGLE,  
SAMPHAN PRAISED CHINA'S TREMENDOUS SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE  
AND THE "PURE" NATURE OF THIS SUPPORT. HE CLOSED HIS  
SPEECH WITH THE HOPE THAT "OUR VERY CLOSE CHINESE FRIENDS  
WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE US ENERGETIC SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE."  
IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, PRC VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-  
PING STATED THE USUAL HOMILIES ON THE TWO PEOPLE SHARING "WEAL  
AND WOE" AND AFFIRMED PRC BELIEF THAT THE TWO PEOPLE  
WOULD UNITE EVEN MORE CLOSELY IN THE FUTURE.

2. CAMBODIAN RECONSTRUCTION. KHIEU SAMPHAN LISTED HIS  
COUNTRY'S NEW TASKS AS "DEFENDING THE STATE, REHABILITATING  
THE ECONOMY AND BUILDING THE COUNTRY IN AN ALL-ROUND WAY  
AND AT A RAPID SPEED" AS WELL AS HELPING OTHER PEOPLE'S  
STRUGGLES. HE SAID THE WHOLE COUNTRY HAD BECOME "A BIG  
CONSTRUCTION SITE" AND "IT WOULD NOT BE LONG"  
BEFORE CAMBODIA BECAME A PROGRESSIVE AND PROSPEROUS COUNTRY.

3. THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION. BOTH REFERRED TO THE  
DEFEAT OF U.S. IMPERIALISM IN CAMBODIA, BUT TENG SEEMED  
MORE INTERESTED IN WARNING AGAINST CURRENT SOVIET DESIGNS  
IN THE AREA THAN BELABORING THE U.S. DEFEAT. FOLLOWING  
THE RECENT PRC THEME, TENG SAID THAT AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL  
OF THE FORCES OF ONE SUPERPOWER FROM INDOCHINA, THE OTHER ONE  
HAD "SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY BY HOOK OR BY CROOK TO EXTEND  
ITS EVIL TENTACLES TO SOUTHEAST ASIA AND INTERFERE IN THE  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF COUNTRIES IN THIS REGION." SAMPHAN DID  
NOT REFER TO THE SOVIETS, BUT HE DID LIMIT HIMSELF TO ONE  
SWIPT AGAINST "THE VILE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE  
CAMBODIAN NATION AND PEOPLE" BEING WAGED BY "U.S. IMPERIALISM  
AND ITS LACKEYS."

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4. CAMBODIAN NON ALIGNMENT. BOTH SIDES WENT TO CONSIDERABLE  
LENGTHS TO EMPHASIZE THAT CAMBODIA'S FOREIGN POLICY  
WOULD BE ONE OF NON-ALIGNMENT. KHIEU SAMPHAN ALSO  
EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN AND NORTH VIETNAMESE  
EFFORT TO JOIN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

5. CAMBODIAN-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS. THERE WERE SOME  
HINTS IN KHIEU SAMPHAN'S SPEECH OF DIFFICULTIES WITH VIETNAM.

HE NOTED THAT THE CAMBODIANS HAD UNITED WITH THE VIETNAMESE AND LAO PEOPLES TO REALIZE "THEIR RESPECTIVE SACRED CAUSES OF INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY" AND THAT IT WAS "PRECISELY OWING TO SUCH EQUALITY, UNITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT THAT CAMBODIA, VIETNAM AND LAO WERE ABLE TO WIN THEIR VICTORIES." HE LATER NOTED THAT CAMBODIA WANTED TO SETTLE PROBLEMS AND BUILD FRIENDSHIP WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. TENG HAD ALSO NOTED THAT ONE OF CAMBODIA'S CURRENT TASKS WAS TO BUILD A CAMBODIA "WITH TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY."

6. SIHANOUK. AT THIS POINT, SIHANOUK SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SQUEEZED EVEN FURTHER OUT OF THE PICTURE THAN HE WAS ON KHIEU SAMPHAN'S PREVIOUS VISIT IN APRIL 1974. HE WAS NOT AT THE AIRPORT AND MISSED THE WELCOMING BANQUET. SAMPHAN MENTIONED HIM IN HIS SPEECH ONLY IN THANKING CHINA FOR GIVING HIM A PLACE TO STAY AND IN THE OBLIGATORY FINAL TOAST. IT MAY BE, AS THE PEKING RUMOR MILL HAS IT, THAT PENN NOUTH IS HERE TO NEGOTIATE SIHANOUK'S RELATIONS WITH SAMPHAN AND THE TERMS FOR A RETURN TO CAMBODIA BEFORE SIHANOUK HIMSELF WILL APPEAR.

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